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11. (C) On May 11, Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Paul Essel, Supervisory Director of the MFA's Office of Legal, Multilateral Organizations, and Passport Affairs. Essel said that Ghana supported the establishment of a Special Tribunal for Lebanon, but believed the issue was delicate, as it involved an internal Lebanese debate that his country needed to respect. He stated that we should all work together to ensure that the tribunal was established, so that those who committed violence could be brought to justice, but left the clear impression that Ghana may be willing to tolerate more parliamentary delays. Cheema